

COULD THIS BE YOU?

- While working on a poultry processing line, a young worker accidentally stabbed himself, puncturing his liver. He required surgery and was off work for a long time.
- A sixteen-year-old worker was walking across a wet, freshly mopped floor past three knee-high containers of hot oil. After being bumped by a fellow worker, he fell, knocking over the containers, which spilled the contents across the floor where he lay, suffering burns to his back, legs and arms.
- A 22-year-old working on the roof of a building was pulling a container of hot tar behind him when he tripped and fell, bringing the hot tar down upon himself. He died in the hospital 15 days later.
- During repairs to an evestrough, the ladder on which a worker was standing slid to one side. The worker fell sustaining severe head, chest, and abdominal injuries, which later resulted in his death. (The ladder was not secure at the top or the base and there was no fall arrest system in use.)
- A young man was just starting his job as a farmer's helper. He was driving a tractor over a rough road. The tractor wheel went into a washout on the railway, turning the machine down a seven-foot embankment before it flipped over. The worker tried to jump clear but was crushed to death under the tractor.
- A 21-year-old worker was driving a forklift at nearly full speed. When attempting a turn, the forklift tipped. The worker tried to jump clear but was crushed to death when the forklift fell on top of him.
- While standing on a scissor lift that had been raised to reach the area under repair, a young worker accidentally activated the "up" button. The lift crushed him against the ceiling and he later died from his injuries.
- A 19-year-old student working by himself was killed on his second day of work. He became entrapped in a machine that recycled plastic. The shut-off switch for the machine was at least four feet away from where he was working. Although law requires safety guards, it appears the recycling machine, with its moving parts, pulled the young worker into the machine. After his death, a guard was placed on the recycling machine.
- A teenager offered to help put hay in a barn. His job was to tip bales of hay onto the haymow floor as they arrived on the conveyor belt. He was seated at the top of the conveyor belt, near the barn roof, when he lost his balance and fell nearly ten meters to his death.

- A bridge was being repaired on a hot summer day. After remaining in the hot sun during his lunch break one of the workers collapsed into unconsciousness and died in the hospital two hours later. Environment Canada records for that day indicated the temperature had reached 31 degrees Celsius with 50% humidity.
- On his third day of work, a 19-year-old part-time worker was killed when an unlabeled drum filled with a flammable chemical exploded and engulfed him in flames. (Training, a label, and a grounding system would have saved his life.)
- A 21-year-old worker died after inhaling vapors while working without proper breathing equipment in a chemical tank. (Safety procedures for working in a confined space were not followed and no training had been provided.)
- Hepatitis B is a serious disease caused by the Hepatitis B virus (biological hazard). It is the most common occupational hazard in the health care industry, and the leading cause of death by liver cancer. Health Canada reports that about 3,000 Canadians contract Hepatitis B annually with about 30 deaths from the disease each year.
- Workers in an office complained of headaches, eye and throat irritation and fatigue. It was discovered that delivery vehicles were parked and left idling below the air intake system, which provided fresh air to the building.
- A department store hired a 16-year-old to work alone after school as a cleaner. One of his tasks was to cram discarded cardboard into a compactor-baler. His body was found trapped in the baler.
- A 17-year-old groundskeeper did not know that the gloves he was wearing had been in contact with gasoline. When he struck a lighter, the gloves caught on fire and he received third degree burns to his arm and back.

